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International Contributions to the War Against Terrorism

Coalition partners from across globe are fighting against evil of terrorism.

The terrorism of September 11th was not just an attack on the United States, it was an attack on the world. Citizens from more than 80 countries died that day – innocent men, women and children from across the globe. Within hours of the tragedy, coalitions involving many nations assembled to fight terrorism – literally hundreds of countries have contributed in a variety of ways – some militarily, others diplomatically, economically and financially. Some nations have helped openly; others prefer not to disclose their contributions.

The United States began building the coalition on September 12, 2001, and there are currently 68 nations supporting the global war on terrorism. To date, 17 nations have deployed more than 17,000 troops to the U.S. Central Command's region of responsibility. This coalition of the willing is working hard every day to defeat terrorism, wherever it may exist.

In Afghanistan alone, our coalition partners are contributing nearly 6,000 troops to Operation Enduring Freedom and to the International Security Assistance Force in Kabul – making up more than half of the 11,000 non-Afghan forces in Afghanistan. The war against terrorism is a broad-based effort that will take time. Every nation has different circumstances and will participate in different ways. This mission and future missions will require a series of coalitions ready to take on the challenges and assume the risks associated with such an operation.

Coalition forces have made important contributions in the war against terrorism across the spectrum of operations. Particular contributions include, but are not limited to, providing vital intelligence, personnel, equipment and assets for use on the ground, air and sea. Coalition members also have provided liaison teams, participated in planning, provided bases and granted over-flight permissions – as well as sizable contributions of humanitarian assistance.

Partial List of Support for War Against Terrorism from Some Coalition Partners:

Australia

- Australian Special Operations Forces (SOF) are currently in Afghanistan performing the full spectrum of SOF missions.
- Australian Air Force C-130s transported national forces to the Area of Responsibility (AOR), and while there, they supported Director of Mobility Forward (DIRMOBFOR) tactical lift requirements. Fighter aircraft were also deployed to perform Combat Air Patrol (CAP) missions at Diego Garcia. Soon, Australia will deploy two KC-135 aircraft to Manas, Kyrgyzstan. Australian Air Force will fill a key wing leadership position at Manas (Operations Group Commander).
- Australia has numerous ships deployed to the AOR supporting Combined Forces Maritime Component Commander (CFMCC) operations.

- The National Command Element is forward deployed in Kuwait providing command and control for deployed forces.
- Australia suffered the first non-U.S. fatality on February 16, 2002 – Sgt. Andrew Russel was killed in action as the result of a land mine explosion.

Bahrain

- One Naval Liaison Officer (LNO) at U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT).
- Bahrain maintains fighter units on continuous strip alert providing defensive Combat Air Patrol that protect national and coalition forces in Bahrain.
- One Frigate and associated personnel are supporting OEF naval mission in the AOR.
- Basing and overflight permissions have been significant enablers for U.S. and coalition forces.

Belgium

- Belgium is providing one officer to the Coalition Intelligence Center (CIC) at CENTCOM and one officer to the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC) to serve as deputy chief of operations.
- Belgium Air Force C-130 aircraft delivered a high protein food supplement (UNIMIX) from Denmark to Dushanbe, Tajikistan and an A-310 (Airbus) delivered 250,000 vaccinations for children under the United Nations Children's fund (UNICEF) program.

Belgium led the largest multinational Humanitarian Assistance (HA) mission, which included Belgium, Spain, Netherlands and Norway. This mission provided 90 metric tons of UNIMIX to feed starving children in Afghanistan and set the standard for follow-on HA operations.

Canada

- Canada contributed the first coalition Task Group to arrive in CENTCOM AOR.
- Canada currently has 2,259 personnel in the CENTCOM AOR (747 land, 447 air and 1065 naval personnel).
- The Canadian Naval Forces have been engaged in Maritime Interdiction Operations (MIO), Leadership Interdiction Operations (LIO), escort duties and general maritime surveillance between the North Arabian Gulf and the North Arabian Sea.
- Canadian Air Force CC 150 Polaris (Airbus) and three CC130 (Hercules) aircraft have conducted strategic and tactical airlift. They have moved more than 4.3 million pounds of freight to date. Two CP 140 Aurora (P3C) aircraft are employed in MIO/LIO operations as part of Carrier Task Force 57. Forty-four missions and 391 flight hours have been logged to date. Organic helicopter assets have flown in excess of 700 missions.
- Canada's Light Infantry Battle Group has deployed as part of TF Rakkasan with 693 personnel and 12 COYOTE armored reconnaissance vehicles. These forces have been deployed to Qandahar for security and combat operations.
- Special Operations Forces are currently in Afghanistan performing the full spectrum of missions.

Recently, HMCS TORONTO operating in the North Arabian Sea intercepted a small vessel laden with 4,500 pounds of hashish (valued at over \$60 million). The vessel was abandoned by its crew during the interception. The cargo and vessel were subsequently destroyed.

Czech Republic

- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM on 09 Nov 01. Currently, there are three personnel at CENTCOM.
- 251 personnel are deploying to Camp Doha, Kuwait to perform local training as well as AOR-wide Consequence Management (CM) support.

Denmark

- The Danish Air Force is providing one C-130 aircraft with 75 crew and support personnel. These assets began deploying on 20 Feb 02. Additionally, Denmark is scheduled to provide four F-16 aircraft in an air-to-ground role with pilots and support personnel. Support availability at host base will determine timeline for force deployment. These assets are on standby in Denmark.
- Approximately 100 Special Operation Forces personnel have deployed to the AOR as part of a multinational unit under U.S. command.

Denmark will soon become one of the first coalition countries to operate an airlift aircraft from the newly formed logistical “hub” that has recently become operational at Manas airbase.

Egypt

- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM on 28 Nov 01. There are currently three personnel at CENTCOM.

Finland

- The Finnish Military Liaison team at CENTCOM continues to concentrate on Civil Military Operations (CMO), with an objective to facilitate cooperation and coordination between ISAF, OEF and UN operations in Afghanistan.
- Finland is currently assisting Humanitarian Assistance organizations in Afghanistan in an effort to promote the long-term reconstruction of the country.

Finland is providing the largest coalition Civil Military Operations (CMO) unit in Kabul in support of ISAF. This unit currently consists of 50 officers.

France

- The French Air Force, deploying C-160 and C-130 aircraft to Dushanbe, Tajikistan, have provided humanitarian assistance as well as national and coalition airlift support. Two KC-135 aircraft will deploy to Manas, Kyrgyzstan to provide aerial refueling. Six Mirage 2000 fighter aircraft will also deploy to Manas. Atlantique aircraft are deployed to Djibouti under national control.
- French engineers helped construct runways, a tent city and a munitions storage facility at Manas. France also provided airfield security (with dogs), a field mess unit, a deployable weather bureau, and a CMO Team. Additionally, France deployed an infantry company to Mazar-e-Sharif to provide area security.
- One French officer is currently serving as an air coordinator at the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC).
- Kabul Medical Institute

The World Health Organization, ***French Embassy***, Loma Linda (NGO) and ISAF are working to make major improvements to the Kabul Medical Institute – with equipment, books and a new curriculum. The student body of about 2,800 includes 544 women. Currently, the Institute has very poor facilities and the 150 faculty lecturers are without an up-to-date curriculum, training aides, equipment, books and vital medical publications.

France is providing its only Carrier Battle Group to support combat operations in the North Arabian Sea. Aircraft from this Battle Group have flown more than 1,500 hours for OEF to date. France’s naval contribution to OEF accounts for approximately 24 percent of their entire naval forces. Additionally, France has been the only non-US country taking part in the operational buildup at Manas airfield in Kyrgyzstan.

Germany

- There are 2,250 German personnel currently operating within the CENTCOM AOR.
- The German Special Operations Forces are currently in Afghanistan performing the full spectrum of SOF missions.
- The German Navy has had three Frigates, one Fast Patrol Boat Group and three Supply Ships operating out of Djibouti, in the Gulf of Aden area since Jan. 2002.
- A German A-310 (Airbus) aircraft is on alert in Germany for use as a medevac platform.
- Germany has one battalion-sized Infantry Task Force operating in Kabul, Afghanistan as part of the ISAF operations. This force is supported by an air transport element operating out of Uzbekistan.
- Employment of afghan war widows -- USAID and CJCMOTF are working on a plan to employ Afghan war widows to make uniforms for the Kabul police force, a micro-industry proposal made possible by a **German** contribution of 10 million Euros to help train and equip the police force.

This is the first time German ships and maritime patrol aircraft have been operationally involved in a Middle East deployment in more than 50 years.

Great Britain

- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM 18 Sep 01. There are currently 43 personnel at CENTCOM.
- RADM Burnell-Nugent serves as Deputy Commander for all coalition naval forces in theatre, responsible for coordinating extensive operations. British forces have participated in MIO and Tomahawk Land Attack Missile (TLAM) operations.
- The Royal Air Force has provided aircraft throughout the region and contributed high-value assets in the critical areas of aerial refueling, Airborne Early Warning (AEW), and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR).
- British ground forces have participated in both OEF and ISAF missions. A company of 40 Commandos and Royal Marines deployed to Kabul and has contributed to mine clearing operations, including the provision of specialist equipment at both Bagram and Kabul International airports.

Great Britain was the first nation to send military representatives and campaign planners to CENTCOM. They have deployed the largest naval task force since the Falklands War to support OEF. Additionally, they have provided the only coalition TLAM platforms to launch missiles during the commencement of OEF hostilities. Great Britain assumed the lead for the ISAF operation.

Greece

- The Greeks have offered one frigate, which will be deployed into the CENTCOM AOR on 15 Mar 02.
- Greece has committed to provide one engineering company and one C-130 aircraft for tactical airlift in support of ISAF Operations.

Italy

- The Italian Air Force is scheduled to deploy one C-130 to Manas airfield following initial force rotation.
- Italian personnel have been committed to both OEF and ISAF operations.

Italy has provided its only Carrier Battle Group to support combat operations in the North Arabian Sea. They have deployed more than 13 percent of their entire naval forces for use in OEF.

Japan

- Following September 11, Japan put together a comprehensive package for cooperation with the U.S. and the rest of the world in combating terrorism.
- Japan dispatched three Destroyers and two supply ships (about 1200 personnel) to the Indian Ocean where they are providing at-sea refueling for U.S. and British naval vessels. The Government of Japan is providing this fuel at its own expense.
- About half of Japan's C-130 fleet and U-4 aircraft are providing airlift support to Operation Enduring Freedom.

Japan's Self Defense Forces have also transported relief materials to Pakistan for Afghan refugees.

Jordan

- An "Aardvark" mine clearing unit and personnel are currently deployed to Qandahar.
- One person is scheduled to work as a planning officer at the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC).
- Jordan has provided basing and overflight permission for all U.S. and coalition forces.

Jordanian hospital in Mazar-e-Sharif has helped 18,364 patients:

Women – 7,640

Men – 5,730 (to include 387 military personnel)

Children – 4,994

Performed 234 surgeries

Inpatient admissions – 154

Netherlands

- An Air Force KDC-10 is currently deployed to Incirlik, Turkey and conducting strategic airlift for ISAF. This aircraft will then re-deploy to Al Udeid, Qatar. To date, C-130 aircraft have completed three HA flights under national flag. The Netherlands will soon deploy one C-130 aircraft to Manas and are scheduled to deploy following the initial force rotation.
- Two Dutch naval frigates are currently operating in the CENTCOM AOR. Other naval ships along with Air Force P-3s will relieve U.S. units in U.S. Southern Command AOR.
- One person is scheduled to work as a planning officer at the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC).

RNLNS Van Almonde assisted a U.S. E-2 and S-3 aircraft in a Search and Rescue (SAR) mission to find a Pakistani Mirage that was thought to have gone down 23 nautical miles off the coast of Pakistan.

New Zealand

- New Zealand provided logistic and HA airlift support in Afghanistan with Air Force C-130 aircraft. These aircraft were made available to help move the backlog of equipment and supplies needed for OEF.
- Their seven-person Air Loading Team (ALT) was deployed to support ISAF.
- New Zealand will soon deploy eight officers to staff the ISAF headquarters.

Norway

- Norwegian Hydrema 910 mine clearing vehicles and personnel have been responsible for clearing more than 180,000 square meters of terrain on Qandahar airfield and its surroundings.
- SOF forces are currently providing the full spectrum of SOF missions and were deployed by national means.

- Air Force C-130 aircraft are providing tactical airlift support and re-supply for these SOF forces. C-130 aircraft have also conducted numerous HA missions and are soon scheduled to deploy to Manas.
- Norway is scheduled to deploy fighters to Manas following the initial force rotation.

Norway's SOF exploitation missions have yielded valuable human intelligence (HUMINT).

Additionally, Norway has provided 15 hardened vehicles (\$1.5 million) that are currently supporting SOF missions and providing leadership transport.

Poland

- Poland is currently planning the deployment of combat engineers and logistics platoons to Bagram. Poland has also planned for 20 soldiers to deploy to Kuwait to support MIO operations in the CENTCOM AOR.

Portugal

- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM on 13 Dec 01. There are currently two personnel at CENTCOM.

Republic of Korea

- A Republic of Korea naval vessel transported more than 500 tons of critical construction material from Singapore to Diego Garcia to support the demand for OEF building materials. Additionally, they have pledged more than \$45 million to aid in the reconstruction of Afghanistan.
- Republic of Korea will soon deploy a Level II hospital to Manas and has already sent two liaison officers to begin coordination efforts.

South Korean Air Force C-130s have flown 11 flights between Seoul, Korea and Diego Garcia, as well as five flights to Islamabad. These flights were responsible for transporting more than 45 tons of humanitarian relief supplies valued at \$12 million.

Romania

- On 19 Sept 01, the Romanian Parliament approved basing and overflight permission for all U.S. and Coalition partners.
- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM on 10 Dec 01, including one assigned to the Coalition Intelligence Center.
- Currently, Romania is in the process of political approval, planning and coordinating the use of the Infantry Battalion and the NBC Company for OEF, which are scheduled to be deployed in July 02.
- Romania has deployed one Military Police platoon, one C-130 aircraft and medical personnel for ISAF.
- Romania delivered a large quantity of training equipment for the Afghan National Guard.

Russia

- Russia has supported HA operations by transporting more than 420,296 tons of food commodities, 2,198 tons of medicines, 15,282 beds, 1,200 heaters, 13 mini electric power stations, 780 tents, 11,000 blankets, 49,674 bedding kits, 11,000 pieces of kitchen utensils, and nine tons of detergents.

Russia provided the first coalition hospital in Kabul on 29 Nov 01. The hospital treated 5,235 patients before Russia turned the facility over to the local population on 25 Jan 02.

Spain

- Spain will soon deploy one P-3B to Djibouti, three C-130s to Manas and two naval frigates to the CENTCOM AOR to support continued operations in OEF.

Spanish Hospital in Bagram has helped 1040 patients

Women – 211 (to include 8 military)

Men – 416 (to include 79 military)

Children – 413

Performed 9 surgeries

Inpatient admissions – 6

Turkey

- Turkey has provided basing and overflight permission for all U.S. and coalition forces.
- One Turkish officer is scheduled to work as a planning officer at the Regional Air Movement Control Center (RAMCC).

Turkey was the first coalition country to provide critical KC-135 aerial refueling support for U.S. aircraft during their transits to the CENTCOM AOR.

United Arab Emirates

- The United Arab Emirates has provided basing and overflight permission for all U.S. and coalition forces.
- Air Force C-130 aircraft have supported HA operations by airlifting supplies into Central Asia. They have conducted three flights to date.

Uzbekistan

- Country representatives arrived at CENTCOM on 26 Dec 01. There are currently five personnel at CENTCOM.

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